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In Re Application of Botts *et al.*

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active ingredients

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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This Amendment and Response is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114 and is intended to be responsive to each and every issue that was raised in the Office Action dated June 3, 2002. This response is being deposited as Express Mail on the date noted on the attached Certificate of Mailing and is believed to be timely with respect to the three month shortened statutory period for response that was set in the Action in view of the Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 for a period of three months, and appropriate fee, which are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims described below be entered into the case and that the claims be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the reasons for patentability discussed below and be found to be allowable.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims listed below to read as follows:

1. A particle comprising a triazole fungicide dispersed in a polymer matrix which releases the triazole fungicide at biocidally beneficial levels over a period of at